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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Swaziland Bureau--July 1986

## I. GENERAL

A. The Bureau's Cities project participation suffered a setback during the month when South African authorities opened one of the DHL packages at Johannesburg airport, and objected to its contents under the emergency regulations. The package had been labeled documents by DHL and had not previously been inspected. Efforts to placate RSA concerns proved futile, and authorities refused to permit the shipment of tapes unless they were reviewed by police authorities. The Bureau has therefore begun pouching the tapes twice weekly, which is slower but appears to be the only alternative. The videotapes cannot be sent through another African route since Swazi Air flies to other African cities only once per week, and this would not appreciably speed delivery over pouching; and packages are frequently delayed or lost on these routes. Bureau efforts are continuing to come up with a faster system.

B. In a move against corruption and bad management, Swaziland authorities have cracked down on customs procedures and border enforcement of taxes. Border authorities have been ordered to strictly enforce an existing statute which imposes Swazi tax on goods bought and imported from the common area customs union, including South Africa. This tax is applicable to U.S. diplomats and diplomatic purchases, since Swazi diplomats in the United States pay U.S. taxes on goods. Thus any Bureau purchases in South Africa will be subject to Swazi taxes. Purchases brought in from outside the common customs union will still be duty free. ) ?

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The pace of work slowed perceptibly during the month as press restrictions in South Africa dramatically reduced the flow of information on the unrest from any source other than the government. The South African press has not totally given in to government pressure.

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The Johannesburg STAR, for example, published a list of detainees from information furnished to it by the Detainees Parents Support Committee which was gathered from families of detainees. The same paper has also begun a "people's initiative" of classified advertisements denouncing the emergency and calling for an end to apartheid. All papers carry notices indicating that press restrictions amounting to censorship have limited their ability to report, particularly on the unrest.

2. British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe visited the area during the month, attempting to pressure South Africa into taking additional steps which might head off sanctions, such as releasing Nelson Mandela. He received a very cool reception, however, and media sources agreed that the mission had been a failure. The Bureau remained open late on 29 July to process P.W. Botha's statement on the visit, as well as an exclusive SABC-TV interview with Sir Geoffrey. The Bureau had stayed open late on 23 July to process a Pik Botha interview from SABC-TV saying that President Botha might meet with UK Prime Minister Thatcher. The BBC Newsbureau expressed appreciation for the Bureau's "rapid handling" of two items on 10 July reporting P.W. Botha's willingness to meet Howe.

3. On 18 July the Bureau, at the request of BBC Part Four, began filing program summaries of Johannesburg Radio's 1500 GMT newscast, and Johannesburg TV's 1800 GMT Afrikaans and English newscasts, priority to the BBC. In making the request, London Bureau noted BBC's "intense interest in South African affairs." Also at BBC request, the Bureau began filing the Johannesburg Domestic Service 0500 GMT commentary immediate to BBC to verify that the commentary already furnished from SAPA the night before had indeed been carried.

4. Through our contact in Johannesburg, the Bureau has begun receiving the Namibian newspapers on a more timely basis, with only a 1-2 day delay compared to the previous 4-5 day time lag. Papers are flown from Windhoek to Johannesburg and then included in the regular package of papers sent over via Swazi Air. Most of the papers toe the government line and provide only a limited amount of useful reporting, but a new weekly paper published by BBC stringer Gwen Lister takes a more independent line and therefore contains some interesting material. The Bureau has been including these papers in the daily press review. The Bureau is now also able to cover the Namibian German-language ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG since monitor-trainee  from Namibia, knows German as well as Afrikaans.

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5. The Bureau cruised Maputo Domestic Service and UNITA's Voice of the Black Cockeral during the month. The latter had not been heard in months since the Luanda Domestic Service 0500 GMT cast blocked out the radio.

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B. Technical

In June, the Bureau ordered two JVC multi-system VCR's and two JVC TV monitors from Nicosia Bureau. One set will replace the VCR and monitor destroyed by lightning last winter, and the other set, for backup to the remote site, will go to the Bureau's new junior editor.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. New editor [ ] arrived PCS on 20 July and began her editorial training. STAT

2. Administrative Assistant [ ] terminated her contract effective 2 August, preparatory to accompanying her husband on a lateral PCS assignment, leaving a large vacancy that will not be filled until October. STAT

3. Communications Chief [ ] received a PSI to FBN-7/7 effective 7 July. STAT

4. Teletypist [ ] gave birth to a baby boy on 29 July. Mother and baby are doing well. STAT

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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## Swaziland Bureau Production Report for JULY 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	508480
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	28510
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1301

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	5715.00 min.	11310.00 min.	139.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	15800	
Luanda ANGOP in English		0
Luanda ANGOP in French		0
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish		0

## BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	4450	
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English		0

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	0	
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	0	
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0	
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola	0	
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		550
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		560

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		100	
LESOTHO			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	3210		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		
Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in seSotho			0
Maseru NATION in English			0
Maseru THE COMET in English			0
MADAGASCAR			
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French	0		
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	720		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	15130		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	5490		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			190
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans	0		
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			0
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		1680	
Dakar PANA in French		0	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	8280		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1850		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	31920		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	6520		
Johannesburg Television in English	17330		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	12950		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		215220	
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			510
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			1450
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			340
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			1890
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			2340

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			650
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			1820
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			1770
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			4540
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			91440
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	1350		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	0		
Mbabane Television in English	310		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	240		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			250
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	28710		
USSR			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	3260		
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	3750		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	9760		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	11490		
Harare Domestic Service in English	100		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	560		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			0
Harare THE HERALD in English			0
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0